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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKEHIKO NAKAI

Application No.: 09/960,283

Filed: September 24, 2001

For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT
AND OPTICAL SYSTEM HAVING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In lieu of paying the Issue Fee dated January 28, 2004, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith, and Applicant's respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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